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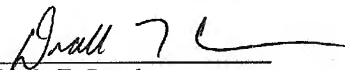
(whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant has authorized the USPTO to charge the statutory fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. Applicant also submits a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits US Patent No. 6,016,831 corresponds to JP 2000-509463 and WO 98/44257 corresponds to JP 2000-512361.

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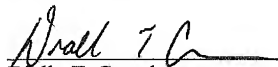
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